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APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR NAPA COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY

NAPA, CA – Applications are now being accepted for the 2019-2020 Napa County Civil Grand Jury. Successful applicants will serve as Grand Jurors for a fiscal year term that begins on July 1, 2019, and ends June 30, 2020.

The Civil Grand Jury is responsible for investigating and reporting on the operations, accounts, and records of local government officers and agencies. Grand Jurors also have the power to investigate citizen complaints about local government. Service as a Grand Juror is compensated at the rate of \$15 for each general meeting attended and any applicable mileage. The Grand Jury typically meets in Napa.

"The Grand Jury is a historic and fundamental component of our local government," said Judge Victoria Wood. "Our Grand Jurors perform a vital government service and are rewarded with the knowledge that their investigations make this community a better place to live through transparency and accountability."

To be eligible for selection, a person must be at least 18 years of age, a United States citizen, and a resident of the County of Napa for at least one year prior to appointment. Other requirements include: sufficient knowledge of the English language, possession of natural faculties, be of ordinary intelligence, sound judgment, and good character; not currently serving as a trial juror; not discharged as a grand juror within one year prior to July 1, 2019; and never convicted of malfeasance in office or any felony or other high crime. Elected public officials are not eligible to serve.

Citizens interested in learning more about serving as a Grand Juror are invited to attend an informational meeting offered by the Napa County chapter of the California Grand Jurors' Association. No reservations are necessary to attend the meetings that will be held in the Jury Assembly Room of the Historic Courthouse, 825 Brown Street, in Napa, as follows:

Tuesday, April 23, 2019
Thursday, April 25, 2019
12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Citizens interested in applying for or learning more about the Napa County Civil Grand Jury can do so online by visiting the Grand Jury's information page at http://www.napa.courts.ca.gov/general-info/grand-jury. Applications can also be picked up, submitted in person, or sent by mail to 825 Brown Street, Third Floor, Napa, CA 94559. Questions may be directed to the Napa Superior Court Executive Office at 707-299-1110.